

# BAMONTHINTHE MOON



A Serial Story of Remarkable Experiences. By A. LAURIE.

# CHAPTER XXXVI.

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gineers. What a privilege, dear papa, to for by Norbert burst upon him in its

was the sole vegetable left upon the When he recovered sufficiently to set moon. He answered that nothing but an up his telescope he found himself almost absolutely new specimen would be ac- paralyzed with cold. His jaws were conbotanists; that they would look with sus- His lungs could scarcely breathe the picton on the origin of the Brieta, and oxygen of his respirator, and there was say that we had brought it here with our a keen pain across his temples. Another mountain. Uncie believes his colleagues minute and he would have frozen.

# CHAPTER XXXVII.

THE INVISIBLE HEMISPHERE

wherewith to renew the oxygen in the were a child four years old, and the His companion looked on with the had air. hind, to protect the back of the neek, and soon got over the three or four leagues. "There can be little doubt," he said, atmosphere in the mean must have been

must have succumbed to the heat at limbs, delighted to be able to breathe Norbert and his companion remembered the expiring flames, white a subterra-cordingly on much wider and deeper the experiences of the desert, and knew the experiences of the desert the experiences of the exper exactly when it was time to rest, eat, with a kind of sigh, after which silence their monument stands after myhence their monument stands after mydour held to his point with so much it surrounded the whole circumference space of an hour, and then disappeared from view, leaving a few golden streaks or renew the gas in the apparatus with would reign for an instant. During these riads of ages have passed."

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"What can this be?" asked Gertrude, vinced, and could not but admire the occulation, to the intense admiration of the spectators.

The spectators with a single of sign of the terrestrial screen, and completed the occulation, to the intense admiration of the spectators. 66 OME secret instinct of soming the aid of a little spirit lamp, fed by a intervals Norbert functed he heard waglory must have impelled me surely; for I had not caken two steps beyond a little spur of the two steps beyond a little spur of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the two steps beyond a little spur of the cause of the dwarf observed with some show of reason that the papyrus appearance to fourteen moons seen from the occuration, to the intense admiration of the sagacity of the little man.

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with a terrestrial plant whose name 1 secutively they reigned in the cloudless forget, but which is most common in polar regions; and this is, moreover, only a stunted specimen of the kind. Pror observation as to their altitude and construction as to their altitude and construction as to their altitude and construction. The polar regions and this is, moreover, only a stunted specimen of the kind. Pror observation as to their altitude and construction as to their altitude and construction. The polar that the polar regions, and this is, moreover, only a stunted specimen of the kind. Pror observation as to their altitude and construction as to their altitude and construction. The polar regions and this is, moreover, only a stunted specimen of the kind. Pror observation as to their altitude and construction as to their altitude and construction. The polar regions and this is, moreover, only a stunted specimen of the kind. Pror observation as to their altitude and construction as to the possible important plants and anything else you like was imperative for the inhabitants of the moon. As its gravity is situated this grand effort of the castalization that of our globe, trees, plants.

Nordert was resolved to leave nothing to chance, or to the possible important plants and selenic men (where there in the polar regions, and this is, moreover, only at take a glance at the rings of the inhabitants of the moon. As its gravity is situated this grand effort of the castalization that the moon is at most common in the polar regions, and this is, moreover, only at take a glance at the rings of the inhabitants of the moon. As its gravity is situated this gravity is statuted to treat ways.

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If he could have spared the time, what of massive gold!

is cleared up for us all. The dead moon any transition, niunged into the darkest star gazing?" said Kaddour, in panto- ing that they searcely noticed this last which were then laid under the floor of On his return to his room Norbert took

# CHAPTER XXXVIII.

THE MANUSCRIPT

Kaddour recounted their adventures in of Egypt, of enveloping their dead in had it in his power to establish the conthe invisible hemisphere, and heard in return a full account of Gertrade's disreturn a full account of Gertrude's disbeen so treated. I, by my imprudence. The last hours of the day were dessistance they have rendered in putting The last hours of the day were de-

than his eye was arrested by a strange scribed all over with strange characters. peculiarity in all the frescoes and bas "Here is the greatest marvel of all,"

empirators; he also invented, as a pro- toward it as hard as he could. The vio- deepest attention, while Norbert ex- "The nir that we have just left," said colon from the burning son, a kind or lent exercise soon warmed them both, plained on his fingers the reason of the Norbert, "was at one time in the past

"that the big sun in these decorations like our own. Perhaps it has only lost junity of studying the heavens, especial patience for the predigious night of minia- represents the earth still in an incan- its exygen in the course of the ages, and by the protuberances of the sun, and he three hundred and fifty-four hours now Thanks to this ingenious precaution, agrees. It was the last survivor of a of the extreme autiquity of this building.

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before the earth was sufficiently cold to it thus:

tallic slides shutting like a fan one over that were independent of languages, and The lunar landscape, which was now in took second hall, which, unlike the other, was alike. and massive, reminding one of a pyra- PREPARATIONS FOR THE RETURN.

"What, uncle!" asked Gertrude, "Is

ents, and formed of several the first, opening in the same way. In are able to unite, and so we are able to cut at once."

In the middle rose an immense cata- ing," said he doctor. ast by the planet upon it, and the bands falque (if the eight or ten storied strucfar superior to the earthly Her- ternal use in the observatory." cules in every respect was this image

ervations of the starry tape from his pocket, and had just as- remnant of old air in the erypt of the

in the moon or suspended in space, be- gold dust, and in their place the doctor idized. The animal, vegetable, and min- asperate Kaddour, and consequently sent saw only a colossal skull.

skeleton of a Titzu!" some carhedral.

There was air in the hall, then!

It was, indeed, a human skeleton thirty with its gold cuticle.

"So we may conclude that the moon rarefy. that I am afraid your friends will be was inhabited, and the Selenites were

giants!" said the doctor.

skeleton's hands. Taking it from its large silken parachute, held open by He had no scener entered the building silent possessor, he found it was in-

heremetically sealed in that confined

admit of life upon her surface. As weight "Sun, the Son of the Northern Star, fact was established.

some show of reason that the papyrus appearance to fourteen moons seen from darkness over the visible face of the

it increased to seven the other. This door gave access into a and could be understood by all men shade, assumed a rosy tint that softened

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the chemical laboratory, where he had could not for some time tear themselves been shut up for some time alone, in away from the spectacle. But at length intended, apparently, for forms as quired what was the subject they were they returned to the drawing room to discussing. "I should be very much disposed, for

my part," he said at once, "to admit longer. the discovery that they were all made Kaddour's theory. It has a tendency to of fine gold, now much tarnished by prove that the Selenites were accustomtime. On the earth these seats would ed to take the names of stars, which is he had already done in its ordinary such exceptional opportunities of knowing the science of the heavens. The cycle here mentioned is probably a great have been possessed of the so-called the very great antiquity of the papyrus. That I shall only be too happy to grant philosopher's stone of the alchemists." I myself, moreover," continued Norbert, "have made the important discovery that It? the lunar atmosphere is composed of niit possible that you believe in the togen, mingled with some traces of

"I do not believe that they have ever | "This fact also explains the perfect found out yet how to make gold, but it ransparency of this atmosphere and the not see why they should not see why they should not see do not see why they should not suc- its absolute dryness. Another phenone answered he. "Modern chemis- non which puzzled me is now also made then and there settled on his future try is day by day reducing the number plain—that we can breathe for three or for a walk twice daily round the circular of elementary bodies. For aught we four hours or more with the small proknow, she may one day prove that gold vision of oxygen in our respirators. A passage. He shall let them out now. add one more to the long list of sur- gives us air as breathable as that of the earth. As our respirators do not fit They had reached a door similar to quite tightly on our faces, the two gases what mademoiselle wishes. Let them go

"Well, that is something worth hear-

"We are certain," continued Norbert, encircling the globe, all stood out like ture could with propriety be so termed). "to have sufficient air now, for, instead pred drawing on the back. On the highest story lay a statue of co- of our being obliged, as I thought, to lossal proportion, in the attitude of consume pure oxygen toward the end, thought only a few yards separated the sleep, a ray of light tailing on it through the crystal apertures, in the roof. It ultrogen and oxygen, or, in orther words, moon from the planet, and that one only was a sleeping statue of Hercules; but as much artificial air as we want for in-

"Then you are decidedly of opinion inquired the doctor, "that the air of the "I must measure it!" said the doctor moon has been analogous to ours in addition? o himself, as, not without difficulty, he proportion to its density, and that she nicely if I had the chance climbed the steps of the catafalque. | has gradually used up her oxygen?"

When he reached the top he took a "Precisely. We have the proof in the tape from his pocket, and had just as-certained the length to be thirty feet selenic building, and the fact that life. There was no danger of any attempt at from the head to the feet when the once existent on the moon, has now disstatue crumbled away. Yet he had appeared. You will note also the visible of breathing without oxygen; they were predominance of iron in all the sur-The features disappeared in a cloud of rounding rocks; they are all deeply ox-"A skeleton!" he cried. "It is the oxygen, and life then became extinct."

Caught up and repeated by four or five good humor. They were all, therefore, erty, and only at the close of the eclipse echoes, the voice resounded through the eager to help him after dinner in storing were they led back to their prison. Kadvast balls as if it had been the nave of up heat for the needs of the long lunar dour and the others were then summored the store rooms.

At the same time large quantities of eet long. There it lay, still half covered oxygen were fabricated to renew the air oners. He learned that they were toler-

It only remained to bear patiently the bly lazy and most suspicious with the return of the sun, the conical you intend xamine his Briefa parvula under the perfectly motionless as is the polar star. ed to you for reminding me, Kaddoor, his tongue unchained at last.

with the return of the sun, the conical political for three hundred and fifty hours con-

him, the leader and chief. He invented are going to get off with a few days' im-"But," saked Gertrude, "how do you a new mechanism to set the central appearatus at work, but resolved to keep it any fury, so long as it be composed of old statue into a skeleton?"

a profound secret. It was similar to any jury, so long as it be composed of the patented lock of a strong box, and honest men, who shall arbitrate between On returning to Tehbail, Norbert and Selenites had a custom similar to that opened at a given word only. He alone them and me. They shall lose nothing Kaddour recounted their adventures in of Egypt, of enveloping their dead in had it in his power to establish the con-

intention of visiting the selenic monus respected."

The doctor was about to descend, when he noticed a roll of paper in the doctor accompained him.

The had no scener entered the building the selenic monus respected."

The doctor was about to descend, when he noticed a roll of paper in the skeleton's hands. Taking it from its large silken parachute, held open by The succeeding hours were utilized in movable framework, and furnished with making the final preparations for the a car, in which the eleven castaways were to seat themselves, in readiness for sium had been employed in the fabrica-

# CHAPTER XL.

AN ECLIPSE OF THE SUN.

before their admiring eyes. The enor- ing mountains. But after some hours of vain effort he pect some wonderful effects, but the splendor that had signalized the eclipse,

crable when walking was prolonged. Norbert and his companion remembered the expiring flames, while a subterraof the ninth year of the thirty-second round the earth, casting a radiant aure- luscent, knows neither clouds nor vapor. vigor that the doctor was at last con- of the terrestrial screen, and completed from view, leaving a few golden streaks

quite in keeping with the voicano that immense door, closed by means of me- used to represent not words, but ideas; of light, bordered by a scarlet ring. I TO BE CONTINUED NEXT SUNDAY.

all the details, touching the summits and craters with violet celored rays of fairy-like beauty

Our travelers were so enraptured with the soft effects of the waves of Norbert, at this moment returning from light on the lunar landscape that they exchange their ideas, remembering also that the eclipse would last some hours

> Norbert's first care was to photograph the country under its new aspect, dress. He managed to get a tolerably good megative.

Gertrude had her thoughts, too, pelled by pity, she suddenly said to him; "Monsieur Mauny, I want to ask you

"Is it necessary for me to tell you

"I cannot help pitying those four prisoners for not being able to see this marvelous eclipse. It is hard enough that they should be exiled on the moon, and eclipse?

his present emotion as he noted the is simply composed of a solidified gas proportion of 20 to 23 per cent of this clear brightness of the mysterious rive as common as nitrogen. It would only oxygen, mingled with funar nitrogen, "Oh, give them a complete holiday! could see nothing from the circular passage,

"Be it so. You have heard, Virgil, At this moment Norbert, happening to

look at Kaddour, who was helping him in his photographic operations, was amazed "What is it?" he said. "Are you surprised that a little humanity should be shown those unhappy beings, worthless

though they be?" "Unhappy! Those vile scoundrels unhappy!" roared Kaddour. "Do you call them unhappy when they are only imprisoned in their own lodging, and fed like princes? Are they to be amused i Ah! I would amuse them

Just at this moment Virgil was bringing the prisoners through the circular escape, on account of the impossibility

therefore left entirely free eral world of the moon absorbed all its him to the photographic laboratory to take proofs from the negative. The Norbert's news had put everyone into prisoners were allowed two hours' libnight. For this purpose a number of to witness the last phase of the phesolar condensers were set to work to nomenon, which was quite worthy of the

the opportunity to question Virgil concerning the general behavior of the prisof the crater, which was beginning to ably submissive, and even grateful for the consideration shown them, but terri-

long, monotonous lunar night, until, "I cannot get it out of their heads that microscope is turned out to be identical. For three hundred and fifty hours conwith a terrestrial plant whose name 1 secutively they reigned in the cloudless
forcet, but which is most common in atmosphere and offered to the helider.

We must not alarm them uselessly.
But just take a glance at the rings of from his high perch. "A gigantic stature of your good faith. But it is of no use.

They have a rooted conviction that it is

a stunied specimen of the kind. Pror observation as companied of the companied of the

coming lunar night.

Twenty-two tons of chlorate of potasto strike the eye of an estronomer. Two suns were represented in the lunar skyone small, the other large.

The said, leaping down with his prize.

He was in such haste to examine it at ease that he proposed an immediate return. They retraced their steps, return. They retraced their steps, therefore, conversing as long as they power, the earth.

would act as valided at a vali happen to prevent the final departure.

The parabolic mirrors had all been repaired. It only remained to stop up Meanwhile, Norbert lost no oppor- treme cold, and lay in a good stock of

the cighteen cours, and without any accident and Norbert encamped thankfully down and Norbert encamped thankfully down and Norbert encamped thankfully asked and received permission to try their position on the explanate of the splanate of the down and Norbert encamped thankfully asked and received permission to try their position on the explanate of the least transfer of the position on the explanate of the least transfer of the least t Noticing his discomfortune, Kaddour asked and received permission to try their position on the esplanade (furing up of height after height, the clouds Had they not taken all this care, they beside the fire and warmed their frozen "It would seem that the Selenites were his skill on the selenic document. At nished with smoked glasses for the pro- of purple and gold, and fanlike rays of acquainted with the laws of mechanics the end of a quarter of an hour he gave tection of the eyes, and with the indispensable store of exygen), when the con- at the hour of departure, were unknown

utes, after which, without transition of On which the dwarf observed with All around the immense disk, equal in twilight, night settled down in all its